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LOW COST PETROL PUMPS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a): whether public sector oil marketing companies particularly IOC proposes to open low cost retail outfetsin-ruTal areas;

(b): if so, the details thereof, State-wise, company-wise;

(c): the criteria for opening and selection of sites for such outlets in the country; and

(d): the details of such outlets opened and propose to be opened during 2006-07 and 2007-08 in the country, State-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), viz., Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) are setting up rural retail outlets (such as Kisan Seva Kendra, Hamara Pump, etc.) all over the country to cater to the needs of farmers, agriculturists and other consumers of petrol and diesel in the rural areas. This has been done with the intention of reaching product predominantly HSD, and ensuring quality at the correct price in far-flung areas to meet the rural agricultural demand. These retail outlets are set up at identified rural locations having sufficient potential and found to be economically viable based on survey and feasibility studies.

(d): During the year 2006-07: OMCs have commissioned 1319 such retail outlets and propose to open 2038 such outlets during the year 2007-08.